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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims 12-22 stand rejected based on alleged provisional obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 12-19, 23, 24, and 26 of copending U.S. application Serial No. 08/612,661 ("the 661 application"). Applicants note, however, that this rejection is predicated on the presumption that the 661 application will issue first. Despite the comments made in the Office Action, the 661 application has not, in fact, issued.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request an indication of allowable subject matter in the